

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

### **Claims pending:**

- At time of the Action: Claims 1-25.
- After this Response: Claims 1-28.

**Canceled or Withdrawn claims:** None.

**Amended claims:** 1-16.

**New claims:** 26-28.

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (currently amended) A system for processing a telephone call, the system comprising:

a wire line telephone system ~~adapted to~~ including:

means for receiving ~~receive~~ a called number from a calling party number,

means for ~~to dialing~~ said called number,

means for ~~to determine~~ determining whether a personalized message associated with said called number is intended for said calling party number in response to a busy or no answer signal on said called number, and

means for ~~to delivering~~ said personalized message to said calling party number.

2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said wire line telephone system comprises:

a service switching point connected to a plurality of subscriber locations, each of said subscriber locations including a respective wire line telephone;

a first signal transfer point including means for ~~adapted to communicate~~ communicating with said service switching point; and

a service control point including means for ~~adapted to communicate~~ communicating with said first signal transfer point, said service control point containing a database.

3. (currently amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said service control point includes means for ~~is adapted to performing~~ said determining whether a personalized message associated with said called number is intended for said calling party.

4. (currently amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said wire line telephone system further comprises a service node connected to said service switching point through a ~~second~~ data link, and connected to a service control point through a ~~third~~ second data link, said service control point including means for ~~being adapted to~~ commanding said service switching point to forward said calling party number to said service node for delivery of said personalized message.

5. (currently amended) The system of claim 4, wherein said service node includes means for ~~is further adapted to provide~~ providing an indication that said service control point has commanded said service switching point to forward said calling party number to said service node for delivery of said personalized message.

6. (currently amended) The system of claim 5, wherein said service node includes means for ~~is further adapted to provide~~ providing a prompt before said service control point commands said service switching point to forward said calling party number to said service node for delivery of said personalized message.

7. (currently amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said database includes a subscription list.

8. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~4~~, 2 wherein said database of said service control point comprises a programmable telephone number table that includes a first telephone number and at least one next telephone number.

9. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein said service node includes means for ~~is adapted to~~ allowing modification of said programmable telephone number table.

10. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein said service node includes means for ~~is adapted to~~ allowing modification of said personalized message.

11. (currently amended) The system of claim 9 or 10, wherein said service node includes means for ~~is adapted to allowing~~ said modifications using one of telephone keypad commands and an Internet website.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said wire line telephone system comprises an Internet website and a flow-through ~~flow-through~~ provisioning system, and ~~said wherein the means for~~ delivering said personalized message further comprises means for retrieving said message from the internet website and means for playing said message on said calling party number.

13. (currently amended) A system for processing a telephone call, the system comprising:

a wireless telephone system including:

means for ~~adapted to receive receiving~~ a called party number from a calling party number,

means for ~~to dialing~~ said called party number,

means for ~~to determining~~ whether a personalized message associated with said called number is intended for said calling party number in response to a busy or no answer signal on said called number, and

means for ~~to delivering~~ said personalized message to said calling party number.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, wherein said wireless telephone system comprises:

a home location register including means for ~~adapted to communicate~~ communicating with a mobile switching center;

said mobile switching center including means for ~~adapted to communicate~~ communicating with a plurality of cell sites;

said plurality of cell sites including means for ~~adapted to communicate~~ communicating with a plurality of wireless telephones;

a signal transfer point including means for ~~adapted to communicate~~ communicating with said mobile switching centers and said home location registers; and

a service control point including means for ~~adapted to communicate~~ communicating with said signal transfer point.

15. (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein said wireless telephone system further comprises a service node ~~adapted to~~ that includes means for ~~communicate~~ communicating with said signal transfer point and means for ~~to communicate~~ communicating with said mobile switching center.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein said wireless telephone system further comprises a data link connected to said signal transfer point, and wherein the data link provides a means for ~~adapted to communicating~~ with a wire line telephone system.

17. (original) A method for processing a telephone call comprising:

receiving a called party number from a calling party number;

determining whether said called party number is included in a data storage device in response to a busy or no answer signal at said called party number; and

delivering a personalized message associated with said called party and calling party numbers to said calling party.

18. (original) The method of claim 17 wherein said delivering said personalized message comprises forwarding said called party number to an intelligent device, said intelligent device playing said personalized message to said called party number.

19. (original) The method of claim 17 wherein said determining whether said called party number is included in said data storage device comprises determining whether said called party number is included in a programmable telephone number table.

20. (original) The method of claim 17 further comprising indicating to the calling party that the personalized message is about to be delivered.

21. (original) The method of claim 20 wherein said indicating comprises indicating to said called party with one of an audible voice notification and a visible indication.

22. (original) The method of claim 17 further comprising providing a prompt before said delivering said personalized message.

23. (original) The method of claim 17 wherein said determining whether said called party number is included in a data storage device comprises comparing said called number to a subscription list.

24. (original) The method of claim 17 wherein said determining whether said called party number is included in a data storage device comprises comparing said called number to a field in a programmable number table.

25. (original) The method of claim 17 wherein said determining whether said called party number is included in a data storage device comprises querying an internet website via a flow through provisioning system.



**26.** (new) A method for enabling a telephone system to deliver a personalized message to a calling party number in response to a busy or no answer signal on a called party number comprising:

recording a personalized message in a first storage device;

creating a telephone number table associated with said personalized message in second storage device, said telephone number table containing said calling party number; and

instructing said telephone system to play said personalized message to said calling party number upon receiving said busy or no answer signal during a call to said called party number from said calling party number.

**27.** (new) The method of claim 26, wherein said telephone system is an intelligent network telephone system and said instructing said telephone system to deliver said personalized message comprises establishing a TAT and a PODP trigger.

**28.** (new) The method of claim 26, wherein said telephone system is an intelligent network system and said instructing said telephone system to deliver said personalized message comprises establishing a T\_Busy and a T\_No\_Answer trigger.